

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

This Supplemental Amendment supplements the Amendment After Final Rejection filed May 26, 2005, and is in response to an Examiner initiated telephone call received Monday, June 6, 2005. In accordance with the foregoing, claim 11 has been amended. No claims have been added. No new matter is being presented.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,495,410 to Graf. Claim 11 has been amended to include features similar to that of former claim 5, which was previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Thus, withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

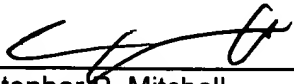
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If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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